



*Trail Stewardship Committee  
Recreation Department, Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield*

**Media Release:**

**August 20, 2010**

**Ranger Style 15' Cedar Canoe is Grand Prize  
for Lakefield Trail - River Raffle**

A Ranger Style 15' Cedar epoxy Canoe is the grand prize to be won in the Lakefield Trail - River Raffle. This prize will also include 2 hand-crafted cherry paddles, 2 lifejackets and a safety kit for a total value of \$6,000.

This beautiful canoe was built by volunteers under the supervision of Lakefield resident Denis Gagne. Gagne is a volunteer at the Canadian Canoe Museum and he has crafted numerous wooden canoes and kayaks over the past few years. Assisting him with the project were volunteers: Bill Buddle, Harold Baal, Merrilyn Lindsay and Al Smith. The canoe is made of western red cedar and created from a kit available through Bear Mountain Boats, a local wooden boat building company. Special thanks goes to Ted Moores, owner of Bear Mountain Boats, for his assistance with the project.

The winning ticket for this special prize for the River Raffle, is being drawn on Friday, November 12, 2010 at "A Gala Evening of Good Cheer", held at Lakefield College School Dining Hall, to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lakefield Trail.

Lakefield Trail Stewardship Chairperson Bruce Bellchambers states, "What a fitting tribute for our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, to have such a special prize for the River Raffle. All funds raised by this raffle and our upcoming gala evening, will go to continue the ongoing maintenance and enhancement of the Lakefield Trail, for the years to come."

Tickets are \$10 each and are available at the Lakefield Pantry and at Wildrock Outfitters or by calling Edna Whitehouse at 652-8978.

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